

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“More, More About Jesus”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

UMH # 61

**1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

**2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!**

**3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!**

**4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. In name of your Son Jesus the Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Park

GATHERING SONG

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UMH # 328

Surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel
his mighty power
and his grace.

I can hear the brush
of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-13

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM “Faith of Our Fathers” CUMC Bell Choir

MESSAGE “The Good News of Sin” Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** UMH # 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Pastor Park

PRAYER Pastor Karen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” UMH # 382

1. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

Rosalyn McClore

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **We welcome all of you to our morning worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.**
- **Special thanks to Tracy Voca for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **We especially thank our bell choir – Carol Gallentine, Paige Moeller, JeeYoung Park and Kathy Zajac for sharing their musical talents with us today.**
- **Tickets will be available at the door for a special Benefit Jazz Concert at 4:00 pm here at Caldwell United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for**

students) with the proceeds going to benefit the students of the Caldwell/West Caldwell School District.

- Please note that we have started the 2026 Lenten Daily Devotionals. If you are not receiving the link every morning and would like to be on the mailing list, please provide your phone number to Pastor Park or to the church office.
- We are beginning the process of updating our church directory. A directory has been placed in the back of the sanctuary. Please check to confirm that your information is up to date and make any necessary changes. Thank you!